

GRATIOLA LUTEA Raf., var. **glaberrima**, var. nov., glaberrima; corollis lacteis.—QUEBEC: tidal mud of the St. Lawrence, Anse St. Vallier, September, 15, 1931, *Fernald*, no. 2539 (TYPE in Gray Herb.).—M. L. FERNALD, Gray Herbarium.

PANICUM VIRGATUM L. VAR. CUBENSE GRISEB. (OR VAR. OBTUSUM WOOD?) IN PLYMOUTH COUNTY, MASSACHUSETTS.—During an exciting day of exploration among the numerous ponds near Plymouth, Massachusetts, my encyclopedic and observant guide, Ludlow Griscom, pointed to a queer looking form of *Panicum virgatum* L. which was growing somewhat profusely in the wet gravel of Little Clear Pond. With an uncritical eye, I promptly collected a single specimen under date of August 26, 1928. Less promptly (some three and a half years later) I have examined the sheet in the light of Linder's treatment of certain varieties of *P. virgatum* to be found in eastern North America.¹ If we accept Linder's view that var. *cubense* Griseb. and var. *obtusum* Wood are identical, it appears that the Plymouth plant must be classified as var. *cubense*, and as such constitutes a not unexpected range extension northward from Dennis on Cape Cod and from Westerly, Rhode Island. Mr. C. A. Weatherby concurs, although he cautiously intimates that an adequate series from the Little Clear Pond station would be highly desirable. The pyramidical outline of the panicle, the small spikelets (2.8–3 mm. long) and the subequal palea and second glume, all conform to Linder's idea of var. *cubense*.

While examining pertinent material at the Gray Herbarium for comparison, we were much struck by the totally dissimilar aspects of Wright's Cuban material and the more northern representatives of var. *cubense*, including my Plymouth County plant. Reference to the original description of var. *obtusum* Wood and to numerous collections from Massachusetts to New Jersey suggests very definitely that var. *obtusum* should *not* be regarded as a synonym for var. *cubense*, but as a valid variety with a marked geographical idiosyncrasy. A critical discussion of this point will be deferred until more material from Little Clear Pond is secured as a basis for a well considered opinion.—RICHARD J. EATON, Boston, Massachusetts.

SOME BELATED CORRECTIONS TO MY REVISION OF VERONICA IN AMERICA.—In 1921 appeared in RHODORA (23: 1–22; 29–41) an account

¹ RHODORA, 24: 11–16.